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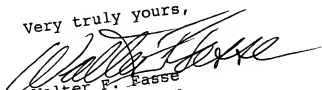
MS PATENT APPLICATION  
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Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No.: 4541  
Inventor: Peter WEINHOLD et al.  
Title: Muffler

Dear Sir:

- I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:
- 1)
    - a) 9 consecutive pages of written description;  
4 consecutive pages with 22 claims, 2 independent;  
1 page with an abstract;  
5 sheets with 5 Figs. (Figs. 1 to 5) of drawings;  
a fully executed FAX COPY of the Declaration, Power of Attorney with 3 pages;
    - b) return receipt postcard;
    - c) Form PTO-2038 for (\$393.00) to cover the filing fee. Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account No.: 50-0507; and
    - e) Priority Document No. 102 30 044.5.
  - 2) The applicant qualifies for and claims **Small Entity Status**.
  - 3) The Priority of an earlier application:  
No. 102 30 044.5 filed on July 4, 2002 in the Federal Republic of Germany is hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please acknowledge the priority claim. NOTE: Filing on Monday, July 7, 2003 is timely since Friday, July 4, 2003 was a National Holiday and July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003 were on a weekend.
  - 4) Please acknowledge the receipt of the Priority Document.
  - 5) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:  
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Very truly yours,

  
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